

PARK COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LEON VALLEY, TEXAS
January 10, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

The Park Commission of the City of Leon Valley, Texas met on the 10th day of January, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., at 6421 Evers Road, Leon Valley, Texas, for the purpose of the following business, to-wit:

LEON VALLEY PARK COMMISSION MEETING, 7:00 P.M.

1. Call the Meeting to Order and Determine a Quorum is Present.

Chairman Roger Christensen called the Park Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., with the following Park Commissioners in attendance: Vice-Chairwoman Jackie Walton, and Commissioners Danielle Bolton, Belinda Ealy, Linda Tarin, Kathy Hill, and Carolyn Gabriel. Absent and excused were Commissioners Benay Cacciatore and Stephen Parker. Also present were City Council Liaison Monica Alcocer, City Staff member Melinda Moritz, and resident Robert Jarzombek.

2. Review and Approval of the December 13, 2016 Regular Park Commission Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Hill asked for a correction to the fifth page, last paragraph, to change the year from 2017 to 2018 and on page 6, fourth paragraph from the bottom, to correct the spelling of the word "she". Commissioner Bolton made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2016 regular Park Commission meeting, as corrected, which was seconded by Commissioner Parker. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Citizens to be Heard

Resident Robert Jarzombek wished everyone a Happy New Year.

4. Report on Activities that Impact the Park or Access to the Park

A. Discussion and Possible Action – The Ridge Park Survey Wording (M. Moritz/Commissioners)

Staff member Moritz explained that the proposed park survey for The Ridge at Leon Valley were in the Commissioner's packets. Commissioner Ealy made a motion to approve the proposed survey, with an added option for bike racks. Commissioner Bolton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

B. Report and Possible Action –

- 1. The Ridge Detention Pond Park Project**
- 2. Tree Advisory Board – Crepe Myrtle Planting at Raymond Rimkus Park**
- 3. Forest Oaks Pool Repairs**

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4. Silo Park Improvements

5. Huebner-Onion Natural Area Trail Cameras and Signage

6. Suggestion to Move Park Commission Meetings from Second Tuesday to Second Thursday of Each Month

Staff member Moritz gave a brief update on each of the items, informing the Commission that the deed for The Ridge at Leon Valley land donations had been signed by both parties and was in the process of being recorded at Bexar County. She also stated that plans for the renovation of the detention pond had been created and bids were being solicited to perform the work. She noted that a park survey was being drafted and would be presented at the next Park Commission meeting for the Commissioner's approval, and then the surveys would be mailed to each of the residents in that area.

She then stated that the Public Works Crew had planted 28 Crepe Myrtle trees in front of the softball field at Raymond Rimkus Park and was planning on planting 24 more trees in the near future.

She went on to explain that she did not know the status of the Forest Oaks pool repairs, but she thought the Forest Oaks Community Association (FOCA) had had some of the work performed, but that she would find out more in the coming weeks. She also noted that the deed documents had been given to FOCA for their signature.

Moritz then stated that outdoor fitness equipment was being installed at the Silo Park, and that a sidewalk easement had been requested from the LDS Church for the entrance off of Huebner to the park.

Ms. Moritz then explained that trail cameras had been installed in various areas of the Huebner-Onion Natural Area Park, due to a recent report of tree limb cutting and unauthorized trail clearing. She stated that the actors were most probably mountain bike club riders and that the type of damage inflicted was also present at the Leon Creek Trailway. She informed the Commission that, with the help of the Leon Valley Fire Department, local bicycling clubs had been notified of the damage and were asked to spread the word that this activity was not allowed in the Natural Area, and that signage had been ordered for all entrances to the park to let people know this was a protected area.

The subject then turned to changing the date of future Park Commission meetings. Commissioner Gabriel stated that the second Thursday of each month would be better for her and she made a motion to change the regular meeting

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day from the second Tuesday of the month to the second Thursday of each month. The motion was seconded by Commission Bolton and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Commissioner and Staff Comments

Commissioner Ealy stated that she was enjoying the weather now that the cold snap was over.

Commissioner Tarin stated that she was also enjoying the weather.

Chairman Christensen stated that he had no comments at the time.

Commissioner Walton gave her thanks to everyone for agreeing to move the meeting date, as she really enjoyed working with the Park Commission.

Commissioner Gabriel asked about the device for treating trees for Oak Wilt that the City had recently purchased. She noted that she had been told it would be loaned to the public. Staff member Moritz gave a brief explanation that the City was not ready to start checking it out to the public, as it was a lot more complicated than it was initially believed to be.

Chairman Christensen agreed, stating that he had attended a seminar in which the device was explained and noted that the process involved drilling of the tree in the appropriate area and then injecting a solution all the way around the base of the tree. He stated that the medication and injection techniques and drilling are difficult.

Councilmember Alcocer noted that the Tree Advisory Board (TAB) was working on it, but it had been tabled due to issues. She advised the Commissioners to attend the TAB meeting to get more information. Commissioner Ealy stated that at some point, the City would be giving classes on its proper use.

Commissioner Hill informed the Commissioner of the new flood siren installed by the Fire Department, noting that many more homes in Leon Valley were now in the floodplain as opposed to when they were built.

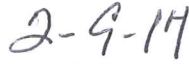
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6. Adjourn.

There being no further business, Commissioner Hill made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Ealy, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.



Roger Christensen - Chairman



Date